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I. Basis of the report				
1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*				
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the i	regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which enternational application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. e elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:			
	the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).			
	the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).			
	the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).			
3. With preli	regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international minary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:			
	contained in the international application in written form.			
	filed together with the international application in computer readable form.			
	furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.			
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	The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.			
	The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.			
4.	The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:			
	the description, pages			
	the claims, Nos.			
	the drawings, sheets/fig			
5.	This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**			
in th and	ncement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to is report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 0.17).			
** Any 1	eplacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.			

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-31	YES
		Claims		NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims _	1-31	YES
		Claims -		NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims _	1-31	YES
		Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 10-209304 A (Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.), 7 August 1998, full text and all

drawings

Document 2: JP 9-106691 A (NEC Corp.), 22 April 1997,

full text and all drawings

Document 3: JP 62-249478 A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 30 October

1987, full text and all drawings

Document 4: JP 5-190807 A (Yamaha Corp.), 30 July 1993,

full text and all drawings

Claims 1-9, 12-15, 19-22 and 29-30

None of the documents in the international search report disclose the feature of keeping at zero the potential difference between the source and drain electrodes of the MOS transistor for periods other than during a predetermined period in order to reduce subthreshold leakage current. Furthermore, this feature is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Claims 10, 11 and 18

None of the documents in the international search report disclose the feature of connecting to the signal line one MOS transistor of a pair of MOS transistors connected to the complementary bit lines, while

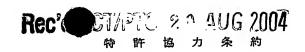
maintaining the other MOS transistor in a floating state, in order to equalize the loads on the bit lines. Furthermore, this feature is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Claims 16, 17, 23, 24-28 and 31

None of the documents in the international search report disclose the feature of providing a dummy MOS transistor that can impart pinch-off potential to the gate electrode, in order to electrically isolate the MOS transistor that comprises the memory cell. Furthermore, this feature is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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国際予備審査報告

(法第12条、法施行規則第56条) [PCT36条及びPCT規則70]

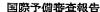
出願人又は代理人 の告類記号 310101997971	今後の手続きについては、国際予備審査報告の送付通知(様式PCT/ IPEA/416)を参照すること。				
国際出願番号 PCT/JP02/01466	国際出願日 (日.月.年) 20.02.02 (日.月.年)				
国際特許分類 (IPC) Int. Cl' G11C17/00-17/18、H01L27/10-27/115					
出願人(氏名又は名称) 株式会社 日立製作所					
1. 国際予備審査機関が作成したこの国際予備審査報告を法施行規則第57条 (PCT36条) の規定に従い送付する。 2. この国際予備審査報告は、この表紙を含めて全部で 3 ページからなる。 □ この国際予備審査報告には、附属書類、つまり補正されて、この報告の基礎とされた及び/又はこの国際予備審査機関に対してした訂正を含む明細書、請求の範囲及び/又は図面も添付されている。 (PCT規則70.16及びPCT実施細則第607号参照)					
この附属書類は、全部で ページである。 3. この国際予備審査報告は、次の内容を含む。					
I X 国際予備審査報告の基礎					
II 優先権 II 新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についての国際予備審査報告の不作成					
IV					
V 区 PCT35条(2)に規定する新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についての見解、それを裏付けるための文献及び説明Ⅵ □ ある種の引用文献					
VII 国際出願の不備					
VⅢ □ 国際出願に対する意見					
国際予備審査の請求告を受理した日 20.02.02	国際予備審査報告を作成した日 20.08.02				
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I.		国際予備審查報	服告の基礎 	(4)		
1.	1. この国際予備審査報告は下記の出願番類に基づいて作成された。 (法第6条 (PCT14条) の規定に基づく命令に 応答するために提出された差し替え用紙は、この報告番において「出願時」とし、本報告番には添付しない。 PCT規則70.16,70.17)					
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	□ この国際出願に含まれる街面による配列表 □ この国際出願と共に提出された磁気ディスクによる配列表 □ 出願後に、この国際予備審査(または調査)機関に提出された啓面による配列表 □ 出願後に、この国際予備審査(または調査)機関に提出された磁気ディスクによる配列表 □ 出願後に提出した街面による配列表が出願時における国際出願の開示の範囲を超える事項を含まない旨の陳述 書の提出があった □ 書面による配列表に記載した配列と磁気ディスクによる配列表に記録した配列が同一である旨の陳述書の提出があった。					
4.		明細書 請求の範囲	記の書類が削除された。 第	; _ ページ/図		
5.		れるので、そ	審査報告は、補充欄に示したように、 の補正がされなかったものとして作り る判断の際に考慮しなければならず、	、補正が出願時における開示の範囲を越えてされたものと認めら 成した。(PCT規則70.2(c) この補正を含む差し替え用紙は上 、本報告に添付する。)		



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v.	新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性につい 文献及び説明	へての法第12条 	(PCT35条(2))	に定める見解、	それを裏付ける
1.	見解				
	新規性(N)	間求の範囲 間求の範囲 _	1-31		有 無
	進歩性 (IS)	請求の範囲 請求の範囲 _	1-31		
	産業上の利用可能性(IA)	請求の範囲 _ 請求の範囲 _	1-31		

2. 文献及び説明 (PCT規則70.7)

文献1: JP 10-209304 A (三星電子株式会社)

文献 2: JP 9-10-20-3304 A (三星電子株式芸社) 1998.08.07,全文,全図 文献 2: JP 9-106691 A (日本電気株式会社) 1997.04.22,全文,全図 文献 3: JP 62-249478 A (株式会社日立製作所)

1987.10.30,全文,全図 文献4:JP 5-190807 A(ヤマハ株式会社)

1993.07.30,全文,全図

請求の範囲1-9, 12-15, 19-22, 29-30 サブスレッショルドリーク電流を低減するために、MOSトランジスタのソース・ドレイン電極間の電位差を所定期間以外でゼロとすることは、国際調査報告のいずれ の文献にも記載されておらず、当業者にとって自明でもない。

請求の範囲10、11、18 ビット線の負荷を均一化するために、相補ビット線に接続された1対のMOSトランジスタのうち、一方のMOSトランジスタは信号線に接続し、他方のMOSトランジスタはフローティングとすことは、国際調査報告のいずれの文献にも記載されておらず、当業者にとって自明でもない。

請求の範囲16,17,23,24-28,31 メモリセルを構成するMOSトランジスタを電気的に分離するために、オフ電位が ゲート電極に与えられるダミーMOSトランジスタを設けることは、国際調査報告の いずれの文献にも記載されておらず、当業者にとって自明でもない。